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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An orally dissolving film composition comprising:
 - a.) an enteric polymer;
 - b.) at least one alkaline buffering agent; and
 - c.) at least one active agent.
2. (Original) The film composition of claim 1 wherein the active agent is a nicotine active.
3. (Original) The film composition of claim 1 wherein said enteric polymer is pre-neutralized.
4. (Original) The film composition of claim 3 wherein said pre-neutralized enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, polyvinylacetate phthalate, poly(ethylacrylate - methacrylic acid) copolymer, shellac, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, poly(methyl vinyl ether/maleic acid) monoethyl ester, and poly(methyl vinyl ether/maleic acid) n-butyl ester and mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) The film composition of claim 4 wherein the pre-neutralized enteric polymer is poly(ethylacrylate -methacrylic acid) copolymer.
6. (Original) The film composition of claim 1 wherein said alkaline buffering agent is selected from the group consisting of sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, potassium carbonate, potassium bicarbonate, sodium phosphate dibasic, sodium phosphate tribasic, potassium phosphate dibasic, potassium phosphate tribasic, calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, aluminium hydroxide, and mixtures thereof.

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7. (Currently amended) The film composition of claim 2 wherein said nicotine active is selected from the group consisting of nicotine monotartrate, nicotine bitartrate, nicotine hydrochloride, nicotine dihydrochloride, nicotine sulfate, nicotine zinc chloride monohydrate, nicotine salicylate, nicotine oil, nicotine complexed with cyclodextrin, polymer resins such as nicotine polacrilex, and mixtures thereof.

8. (Original) The film composition of claim 7 wherein said nicotine active is nicotine oil.

9. (Original) The film of claim 2 wherein said alkaline buffering agent and said nicotine active are separately maintained within the film prior to oral administration.

10. (Original) The film composition of claim 1 further comprising a plasticizer.

11 - 22. (Withdrawn)

23. (Original) A method of reducing or eliminating tobacco consumption by an individual in need thereof by administering to the individual an orally dissolving film comprising at least one enteric polymer, at least one nicotine active and at least one alkaline buffering agent.

24. (Original) A method of providing rapid nicotine craving relief to an individual in need thereof by administering to the individual an orally dissolving film comprising at least one enteric polymer, at least one nicotine active and at least one alkaline buffering agent.

25 - 34. (Withdrawn)

35. (New) The film composition of claim 7, wherein the polymer resin is nicotine polacrilex.

36. (New) An orally dissolving film composition comprising:
a.) a pre-neutralized poly(ethylacrylate -methacrylic acid) copolymer;
b.) at least one alkaline buffering agent; and

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c.) at least one nicotine active agent selected from the group consisting of nicotine monotartrate, nicotine bitartrate, nicotine hydrochloride, nicotine dihydrochloride, nicotine sulfate, nicotine zinc chloride monohydrate, nicotine salicylate, nicotine oil, nicotine complexed with cyclodextrin, polymer resin, and mixtures thereof.

37. (New) The film composition of claim 36, wherein the nicotine active agent is nicotine oil.

38. (New) An orally dissolving film composition comprising:

a.) a pre-neutralized enteric polymer; and

b.) at least one nicotine active agent selected from the group consisting of nicotine monotartrate, nicotine bitartrate, nicotine hydrochloride, nicotine dihydrochloride, nicotine sulfate, nicotine zinc chloride monohydrate, nicotine salicylate, nicotine oil, nicotine complexed with cyclodextrin, polymer resin, and mixtures thereof.

39. (New) The film composition of claim 38, wherein said nicotine active agent is nicotine oil.

40. (New) The film composition of claim 38, wherein said pre-neutralized enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, polyvinylacetate phthalate, poly(ethylacrylate -methacrylic acid) copolymer, shellac, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, poly (methyl vinyl ether/maleic acid) monoethyl ester, and poly(methyl vinyl ether/maleic acid) n-butyl ester and mixtures thereof.

41. (New) The film composition of claim 40, wherein the pre-neutralized enteric polymer is poly(ethylacrylate -methacrylic acid) copolymer.

42. (New) An orally dissolving film composition comprising:

a.) a pre-neutralized poly(ethylacrylate -methacrylic acid) copolymer; and

b.) a nicotine oil.

43. (New) An orally dissolving film composition formed by a process comprising the steps of:

- a) neutralizing an enteric polymer by mixing with an alkaline neutralizing agent in the presence of a solvent to render a polymeric mixture;
- b) adding a nicotine active agent to the polymeric mixture;
- c) casting the polymeric mixture onto a suitable surface; and
- d) drying the polymeric mixture.

44. (New) The film composition of claim 43, wherein said nicotine active agent is selected from the group consisting of nicotine monotartrate, nicotine bitartrate, nicotine hydrochloride, nicotine dihydrochloride, nicotine sulfate, nicotine zinc chloride monohydrate, nicotine salicylate, nicotine oil, nicotine complexed with cyclodextrin, polymer resin, and mixtures thereof.

45. (New) The film composition of claim 44, wherein said nicotine active agent is nicotine oil.

46. (New) The film composition of claim 43, wherein said pre-neutralized enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, polyvinylacetate phthalate, poly(ethylacrylate -methacrylic acid) copolymer, shellac, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, poly (methyl vinyl ether/maleic acid) monoethyl ester, and poly(methyl vinyl ether/maleic acid) n-butyl ester and mixtures thereof.

47. (New) The film composition of claim 46, wherein the pre-neutralized enteric polymer is poly(ethylacrylate -methacrylic acid) copolymer.